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SUBJ: DOW CHEMICAL PROJECT - ACEH

1. RAYMOND J. STONE, MANAGER, COMPENSATIONS AND BENEFITS, DOW CHEMICAL PACIFIC LTD., BASED IN HONG KONG WILL BE IN MEDAN MARCH 18-21 AND WILL BE CONTACTING AMCONSULATE DURING THAT PERIOD. STONE IS MAKING DETAILED SURVEY OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED DOW/PERTAMINA PETROCHEMICAL PLANT INVESTMENT IN ACEH.

2. PLANT WILL HAVE SOME THREE THOUSAND EMPLOYEES WHEN ON STREAM INCLUDING SEVERAL HUNDRED EXPATRIATES. MANY OF DOW'S EXPATS AND FAMILIES WILL BE ON SITE DURING CONSTRUCTION PHASE AND WILL REMAIN TO OPERATE PLANT. BECHTEL AND FLUOR ARE PRIME CANDIDATES FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, AND WOULD OF COURSE BRING TO JOB THEIR BROAD AND DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF ALL FACETS OF SUCH AN OPERATION IN INDONESIA.

3. STONE HAS APPOINTMENTS WITH DOW AND MOBIL IN MEDAN AND AT OUR SUGGESTION WILL SEEK TO MEET WITH GOODYEAR AND UNIROYAL. HE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE ON OTHER APPOINTMENTS.

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4. IN JAKARTA HE HAS SEEN, AMONG OTHERS, COMMERCIAL

COUNSELOR, FREEPORT INDONESIA, PERTAMINA, FLUOR (INCLUDING VISIT TO CILACAP REFINERY PROJECT), BECHTEL AND FORD FOUNDATION.

5. LARGEST GAP IN INFORMATION THUS FAR IS COST DATA (HOUSING, HEALTH, FOOD, TRANSPORT, WAGES, INSURANCE, TRAVEL, POWER, WATER, ETC). HE DEEPLY CONCERNED HEALTH/PSYCHOLOGICAL/SOCIOLOGICAL IMPACT ON AMERICAN FAMILIES FROM MIDLAND MICHIGAN LIVING IN SUCH A REMOTE LOCATION UNDER LESS THAN IDEAL CONDITIONS.
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